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Village to Host Community Meeting Regarding Tollway Authority's Potential Widening of I-294

Hinsdale, Ill. – The Village of Hinsdale is hosting a public meeting on Monday, February 27, at 7:00 p.m. regarding the Illinois Tollway Authority's proposal to widen I-294. The meeting will be held at the Memorial Building – Village Hall Board Room, 19 E. Chicago Avenue. All are welcome to attend. The purpose of this meeting is to raise community awareness and discuss the Tollway Authority's potential expansion project. No action will be taken by the Village Board as this meeting is intended to convey information to the public.

The proposed widening of I-294 would impact the residential properties on the east side of Hinsdale. The potential expansion would necessitate moving the existing sound barrier, which would likely negatively impact property values in Hinsdale. Moreover, the anticipated increased truck traffic would increase the noise levels in adjacent residential neighborhoods.

The Village would also lose park land, green space, and mature trees, specifically in Veeck Park and Peirce Park. The expansion of I-294 would also eliminate the Hinsdale Oasis, which accounts for \$540,000 annually in tax revenue for the Village of Hinsdale.

The Illinois Tollway Authority has advised the Village that the Tollway Authority will reach a decision concerning the widening of I-294 within the next six months. Once that plan is finalized, it may be too late to stop it.

Village Officials will be present at this meeting to provide as much information as possible regarding the Tollway Authority's proposed project.

If you are unable to attend or have a question, feel free to email tollway@villageofhinsdale.org. All questions will be addressed during the meeting. Please contact Village Hall at (630) 789-7000 if you have any questions.

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